

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 11

\$1.5 Million of Stimulus Funds to be Spent on Signs

- By order of the Obama Administration, roughly \$1.5 million of stimulus money has been spent (so far) to produce signs bearing a “recovery emblem” for each project approved under the stimulus bill. In other words, stimulus dollars are being spent to promote stimulus spending. Make sense?
- The state of Illinois, alone, will pay \$300 dollars per sign, equaling \$150,000 for the state’s projects. Money that could have been spent on more projects, rather than signs. To which, *The Herald & Review*, of Decatur, Illinois, gave the sign-printing plan the “Thumbs Down!” The editorial page correctly stated that stimulus money should be spent to “help the nation’s infrastructure and create jobs, not make signs.”
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, \$1.5 million in taxpayer money would not have been spent on making signs praising the use of taxpayer dollars. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Sources:** CNN’s The Situation Room (5/21/09), *The Herald & Review* (5/22/09)

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